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REMARKS**In the Claims**

Claim 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Elder (US-3113739).

Drum 192 in the Elder reference was stated to comprise the features of drum 22 of the present invention. The take-up slots of drum 192, however, appear to have a rectangular profile, not an arcuate shape. Any irregularities appear to be due to the inaccuracies of the hand drawing. Regardless of their shape, however, all slots guide the very same filament, not a plurality of filaments. Furthermore, the filament is only in contact with each slot over a portion of its circumference, and thus there is no "intake" or "run out" portion of any single slot due to the lack of overlap of windings. An arcuate shape of the take-up slots disclosed by Elder would be nonsensical since each slot only carries a portion of one winding.

The intake portion of Elder's drum 192 is the first slot, and the run-out portion is the last slot. They are identical in diameter. They are separated by ridges in order to avoid overwindings. The point of the arrangement according to the present invention is exactly that overwindings are prevented without such ridges (see page 4, second paragraph, last sentence).

Claim 9 has been amended for clarification to include that intake and run-out of a groove are axially offset within a groove (while in Elder the intake and run-out are located in different grooves), each filament takes up one slot (not several slots as in Elder) and is wound around the drum several times. This clearly points out that Elder neither anticipates nor renders obvious the subject matter of claim 9.

Claims 10 and 11 depend on claim 9 and are thus believed to be patentable as well.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sacks (US-3020621) in view of Gallini et al. (US-4056240).

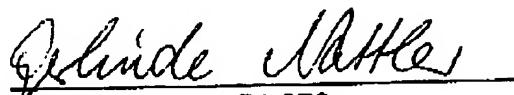
Please, cancel claim 12.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that claim 9 as amended as well as claims 10 and 11 dependent thereon are patentable.

Respectfully submitted,



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